GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1165
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TALKS WITH MILITANTS
RAM SHAKAL;SANAT KUMAR MANDAL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to talk with militants particularly in Kashmir in the wake of successful completion of Assembly Elections in the State and also in other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the reaction of the militants thereto; and

(d) the time by which the talks with militants are likely to the resumed in Kashmir?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(d): The Government has been following a multi-faceted approach in dealing with terrorism in J&K.One of the prongs of the strategy is remaining open to dialogue with any individual/group within J&K who eschew the path of violence. No militant/terrorist group has eschewed the path of violence to come forward for such a dialogue.